

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL- ; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0895]

**Draft Research Report: Investigation of Ground Water Contamination near Pavillion,
Wyoming**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment Period

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a 45-day public comment period for the external review of the draft research report titled, "Investigation of Ground Water Contamination near Pavillion, Wyoming." The draft research report was prepared by the National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL), within the EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD), and EPA Region 8. EPA is releasing this draft research report solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review. This draft research report has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), an EPA contractor for external peer review, will convene an independent panel of experts for peer review of this draft research report. Public comments submitted during the public comment period will be made available to the peer review panel for

consideration in their review. In preparing a final report, EPA will consider the recommendations of the peer review panel.

DATES: The public comment period begins December 14, 2011, and ends January 27, 2011.

Comments should be submitted to the docket or received in writing by EPA by January 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The draft "Investigation of Ground Water Contamination near Pavillion, Wyoming" is available via the Internet on the EPA Region 8 home page under the Key Issues menu, Pavillion Groundwater Investigation at

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/wy/pavillion/>.

Comments may be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, by e-mail, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For information on the docket, www.regulations.gov, or the public comment period, please contact the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-1753; or e-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

For information on the draft research report, please contact Rebecca Foster, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 1198, Ada, OK 74821; telephone: 580-436-8750; facsimile: 580-436-8529; or email: foster.rebecca@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information about Pavillion Ground Water Investigation

Pavillion, Wyoming is located in Fremont County, about 20 miles northwest of Riverton. The concern at the site is potential ground water contamination, based on resident complaints about smells, tastes, and adverse changes in the quality of the water in their domestic wells. In collaboration with ORD, Region 8 has been conducting a ground water investigation. The purpose of this ground water investigation is to better understand the basic ground water hydrology and how the constituents of concern may be occurring in the aquifer. More information is available at <http://www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/wy/pavillion/>.

II. How to Submit Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0895, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.
- Facsimile: 202-566-1753.
- Mail: Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 2822T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is 202-566-1752. If you provide comments by mail, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound

original and three copies.

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Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0895. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless comments include information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> website is an "anonymous access" system, which means that EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comments. If you send e-mail comments directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as

part of the comments that are placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit electronic comments, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comments and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comments due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comments. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

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